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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PK, IN, US

SUBJ: MILITARY SUPPLY POLICY

1. WITH RESPECT, WHEN MINISTER RIZA READ FROM A  
PIECE OF PAPER WHICH QUOTED AMBASSADOR KAUL AS SAYING  
THAT HE QUOTE HAD BEEN ASSURED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL THAT  
THE USG WOULD NOT CONTINUE PUMPING LETHAL WEAPONS INTO  
PAKISTAN AND THAT HE WELCOMED THIS NEW POLICY UNQUOTE,  
IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT THE CORRECT REPLY WOULD HAVE BEEN  
THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT BEEN QUOTE PUMPING LETHAL  
WEAPONS INTO PAKISTAN UNQUOTE AND, ACCORDINGLY, ANY  
ASSURANCE NOT TO CONTINUE DOING SO WOULD BE MEANINGLESS,  
WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE BALFOUR SCHOOL OF TERMINOLOGICAL  
NUANCE?

2. FOR WHAT INTEREST IT MAY HAVE, ON FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27 IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AMBASSADOR KAUL INFORMED  
ME THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD STATED TO HIM THAT THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAD NO INTENTION WHATEVER  
OF RESUMING ARMS SHIPMENTS TO PAKISTAN. AMBASSADOR KAUL  
CONTINUED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD REMARKED THAT FOREIGN  
SERVICE OFFICERS ARE ALWAYS PRODUCING RIDICULOUS POSITION  
PAPERS ABOUT ARMING PAKISTAN TO WHICH HE PAYS NO ATTENTION  
AND TO WHICH MABASSADOR KAUL NEED PAY NO ATTENTION EITHER.

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3. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN LISTENED IMPASSIVELY TO AMBASSADOR

KAUL'S ACCOUNT, OFFERING NO COMMENT. NOT WITHOUT A CERTAIN DEFTNESS, THE AMERICAN ENVOY THEREUPON TURNED THE CONVERSATION TO THE SUBJECT OF THE CONTINUED INCARCERATION OF THE AMERICAN CITIZENS HARCOS AND FLETCHER IN A CALCUTTA JAIL, NOTING THAT THE HEALTH OF THESE TWO MEN HAD SERIOUSLY DETERIORATED IN PRISON AND NOTING FURTHER THAN SHOULD THEY DIE THERE THE QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY WOULD INEVITABLY ARISE.

4. AMBASSADOR KAUL'S STATEMENT, IN THE SENSE WHICH MINITER RISA INTERPRETED IT, WAS MADE IN TWO PUBLIC ADDRESSES IN BOMBAY ON OCTOBER 7. WE DO NOT THINK HE INTENDS TO MAKE ANY MORE PUBLIC APPEARANCES, BUT IF HE DOES, WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF HE REPEATS WHAT HE HAS NOW SAID TWICE. I CAN ASK HIM TO STOP, BUT THAT WOULD INVOLVE TELLING HIM THAT WHAT HE TOLD ME THE SECRETARY TOLD HIM IS NOT IN FACT THE CASE. I SHOULD HESITATE TO DO THIS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY.  
MOYNIHAN

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